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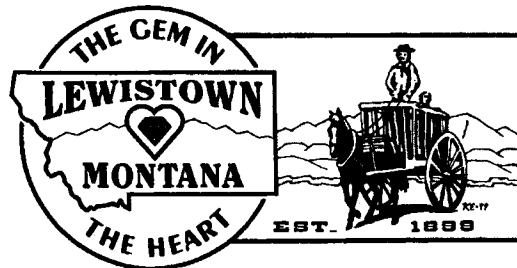
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Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning
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Chairman and Subcommittee Members:

Please accept this letter as support for House Bill No. 14 and more specifically the appropriation request submitted by the Montana Department of Administration. As the Chief of Police and City Manager for the City of Lewistown, I manage the Central Montana 911 Center which provides dispatch and 911 services to a large portion of Fergus County as well as the entire areas of Judith Basin and Petroleum Counties. Our 911 Center is providing Enhanced 911 Services to Central Montana through Montana's Statewide 911 Project. Montana's 911 Program and the Information Technology Division is working hard to bring Montana to the forefront of the 911 community by offering modern technology and putting into place redundancy for critical services in emergency situations. As the 911 and Public Safety Radio systems roll out to the far reaches of Montana, all Montanans stand to benefit from the increased capabilities offered to the emergency service providers.

Throughout the 1990's, many efforts were spent to try to accomplish statewide radio and statewide enhanced 911 projects with every few successes. Now, in 2007, we are starting to achieve our goals through planning and perseverance. In order to continue moving forward, funding is needed to keep the process rolling. With the appropriations being requested, the Statewide 911 program can further expand across Montana and the radio Program can follow.

In emergency services, communication is the key to success. Whether it is a natural disaster or a local medical problem, lives will be saved by the improvements offered through these programs. Thank you for your time and your consideration in this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Myhre
City Manager/ Chief of Police
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